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REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 13, 16, 23, 35, and 38 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

I. The § 112 Rejections

Claims 13 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The applicant has amended each of claims 13 and 35 to overcome the § 112 rejections.

II. The § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Microsoft Word 2000 Reveal Codes White Paper ("Microsoft"), published August 2000, in further view of screen shots of MS Word 2000 ("Screen Shots").

The applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview on April 20, 2005. Examiners Joseph Feild and Nathan Hillery, and the applicant's representatives Hans Troesch and Kelvin Vivian participated in the interview. During the interview claim 1 and the references Microsoft and Screen Shots were discussed. The applicant argued that neither Microsoft nor Screen Shots discloses detecting the presence of one or more markers associated with one or more specified locations in an electronic document and displaying a visual representation of the detected markers. The Examiners proposed that the applicant amend claim 1 to more clearly recite that both detecting the presence of markers and displaying a representation of markers happens in response to the input specifying one or more locations in the document. In this way, there are no intervening actions between the steps of detecting and displaying a visual representation of the detected markers. The Examiners indicated that such an amendment to the claims would overcome Microsoft and Screen Shots. The applicant has done so. Independent claims 16, 23, and 38 have been in the same way.

The applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 16, 23, and 38 (and the claims that depend therefrom) are allowable over Microsoft and Screen Shots.

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